

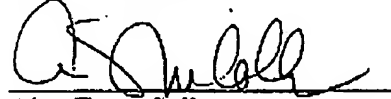
## REMARKS

Claims 1-43 are pending in the application and are subject to restriction and/or election requirement. Claims 26, 27, and 41 have been amended to correct the mistaken use of *crucible*. These claims depend from method claims and should have used the word *method* when they were filed. As a result of this change, applicant has included these within the elected method claims. Claims 1-8, 17-19, and 28-30 have been withdrawn.

The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at (503) 222-3613 if it appears that an interview would be helpful in advancing the case.

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